

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required a restriction between Group I, claims 1-5, 7-9 and 12-26, drawn to a method and system for remotely monitoring building HVAC equipment; and

Group II, claims 10-11, drawn to another method of remotely monitoring building HVAC equipment. In the Official Action, the Examiner states the inventions are distinct, each from the other. The examiner has required restriction between subcombinations usable together. The examiner further states that where applicant elects a subcombination and claims thereto are subsequently found allowable, any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable subcombination will be examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. See MPEP §821.04(a).

Response to Restriction Requirement

As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.143, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-5, 7-9 and 12-26, without traverse, and withdraw the claims of Group II, claims 10 and 11.

Applicants request examination and allowance of claims 1-5, 7-9 and 12-26 in a timely manner. If the Examiner believes that prosecution of this Application could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Attorney for Applicants.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

Respectfully submitted,
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